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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, After 30 years of dedicated service and 19 years  
3 as Deputy Majority Leader, State Representative Arthur L.  
4 Turner has decided to retire from the Illinois General  
5 Assembly; and

6           WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish  
7 to congratulate State Representative Arthur L. Turner and thank  
8 him for his outstanding service to the people of the State of  
9 Illinois; and

10           WHEREAS, State Representative Arthur L. Turner has served  
11 the State of Illinois and his constituents in the Ninth  
12 District with unprecedented distinction, compassion, skill,  
13 and aplomb throughout his entire career; and

14           WHEREAS, State Representative Arthur L. Turner's  
15 independent mind and receptiveness to new ideas has made him  
16 one of the most respected members of this body; and

17           WHEREAS, State Representative Arthur L. Turner has always  
18 been exceptionally fair and honest and able to work with  
19 members regardless of their party affiliation; and

20           WHEREAS, State Representative Arthur L. Turner is held in

1 the highest regard by all who have come to know him; and

2 WHEREAS, State Representative Arthur L. Turner, over his  
3 legislative career, has influenced major policies and  
4 legislation to the benefit of all Illinoisans; and

5 WHEREAS, State Representative Arthur L. Turner has  
6 developed major policies like the Affordable Housing Trust Fund  
7 and the Donation Tax Credit, a national best practice model of  
8 government and private institution collaboration at work; and

9 WHEREAS, State Representative Arthur L. Turner's strong  
10 work on issues of criminal and juvenile justice and strong  
11 commitment to human rights of the accused and incarcerated; and

12 WHEREAS, State Representative Arthur L. Turner's  
13 commitment to quality education for our youth in Illinois and  
14 our urban communities has insured the growth and development of  
15 our State's future leaders; and

16 WHEREAS, State Representative Arthur L. Turner's presence  
17 and work ethic will be deeply missed by all the members of the  
18 Legislature, staff persons, institutions, and organizations,  
19 who have had the pleasure to work with him throughout his  
20 career; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3           congratulate Illinois State Representative Art Turner on his  
4           retirement from this body and deeply thank him for his many  
5           years of service to the citizens of Illinois; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7           presented to Illinois State Representative Art Turner as an  
8           expression of our respect and esteem.